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Letter dated 29 May 1997 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to your letter dated 3 May 1997 relating to agenda item 120 (A/51/893), I have the honour to inform you that the Fifth Committee considered the matter and decided to reaffirm General Assembly resolution 51/226 of 3 April 1997. It further decided to request you to implement the resolution as adopted.

In conveying the decision of the Fifth Committee to me (see annex), the Chairman of the Fifth Committee explained that it was the understanding of delegations that General Assembly resolution 51/226 would not be implemented retroactively.

(Signed) RAZALI Ismail

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ANNEX

Letter dated 28 May 1997 from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 15 May 1997 (A/C.5/51/49) by which you drew to my attention, for appropriate action by the Fifth Committee, the letter dated 3 May 1997 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/51/893) relating to agenda item 120. Pursuant to your request, the Committee considered the contents of the letter at its 61st and 62nd meetings, on 21 and 22 May 1997 (see A/C.5/51/SR.61 and 62).

At the 62nd meeting, the Committee decided to request the Chairman of the Committee to inform the President of the General Assembly that it reaffirmed General Assembly resolution 51/226 of 3 April 1997 on human resources management and requested the Secretary-General to implement that resolution, as adopted.

Following the adoption of the decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Belgium, the United States of America, Algeria, Cuba, Canada, the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Mexico and Germany. Those delegations supported the decision while expressing their understanding that General Assembly resolution 51/226 would not be implemented retroactively.

(Signed) Ngoni Francis SENGWE
Chairman of the Fifth Committee